The clearance of these projects of the State Government will depend upon the promptness with which the State Government complies to the observations of Central Appraising Agencies.

Approval of dam projects

†3847. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the Centre's role in according approval to dam projects; and

(b) whether in the light of Madhya Pradesh High Court's decision to alternatively provide land to the project-affected persons Government would take decision on it's own with regard to other places?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Water resources development projects including the big dam projects are conceived, planned and implemented by the respective State Governments. However, as per the guidelines issued by the Planning Commission *vide* their letter. No. 16(12)99-WR dated 30.11.2000, all major and multipurpose and medium irrigation and flood control including drainage projects which have Inter-State ramifications will be subject to techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission and then approval by the Advisory Committee on Irrigation, Flood Control and Multipurpose projects in the Ministry of Water Resources before the investment clearance of such projects/schemes is accorded by the Planning Commission.

(b) Several State Governments have their own policies on Rehabilitation & Resettlement. The Government of India has also adopted a National Rehabilitation & Resettlement Policy, 2007 (NRRP-2007) which *inter-alia* provides that the State Governments, Public Sector Undertakings or agencies and other requiring bodies shall be at liberty to put in place greater benefit levels than those prescribed in the NRRP-2007.

Objection of Hogenakkal Drinking Water Scheme in Tamil Nadu

3848. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has objected to Hogenakkal Drinking Water Scheme of Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether it is being undertaken after agreement among the Centre, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the steps proposed to be taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An Inter-State meeting was taken by Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources (MoWR) with the officers of the Cauvery basin states on 29.6.98 regarding drinking water supply schemes of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu where representatives of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu were also present. While concluding the meeting, Secretary (WR) expressed

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